

PREPARING FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Park Commission to Meet the District Commissioners.

MR. MACFARLAND AT WORK

Question of Validity of Title Being Discussed With Department of Justice—Number of Offices Needed in New Structure Under Consideration.

Mr. H. B. F. Macfarland, President of the Board of District Commissioners, is pushing matters as fast as possible with a view to beginning work upon the proposed municipal building at an early date. As already announced in the Times, the title to the property known as the "power house site" is being examined in the office of the Attorney General of the United States, preparatory to an acceptance of an offer to sell at \$550,000, made by the Capital Traction Company, which owns the land.

On Tuesday the District Commissioners considered the matter and determined to hold a conference with the Supervising Architect of the Treasury and such members of the Park Commission as could be brought to the city by that time, to take into consideration preliminary plans for the building. One important question to be decided at once is what portion of the square shall be occupied by the structure, and whether it shall front upon E Street or Pennsylvania Avenue, by closing the latter thoroughfare.

To Meet Next Wednesday.

Yesterday Commissioner Macfarland sent telegrams to the several members of the Park Commission, asking them to meet the Board in Washington next Wednesday, to take these and several other matters into consideration. Yesterday replies were received from Mr. D. S. Burnham, of the Park Commission, who is in New Orleans, stating that he was about to leave for Chicago, and would write from there next Friday.

Another telegram was received from Mr. C. F. McKim, who is in New York, stating that he would be in Washington later in the month, and requesting that the matters to be considered be postponed until that time. Commissioner Macfarland replied to the telegram, stating further the wishes of the Commissioners in the matter, and requesting Mr. McKim to come to Washington and meet them on Monday.

The other members of the Park Commission have not been heard from.

Question of Office Room.

It is expected that the Commissioners will have in hand by the end of the week memorandums as to the amount of office space required by each of the municipal departments. These estimates will be laid before the conference, and the architects who have been invited to meet the Commissioners and the Secretary of the Treasury will give their views as to the size and style of building that will be needed.

CAN USE ASPHALTUM.

Recommended That Request of Joyce Engraving Company Be Granted.

The Maurice Joyce Engraving Company recently requested permission to use a tarred outlet pipe for the sink employed in connection with their plant on Eleventh Street northwest. The reason for the request was that the asphaltum coating affords certain protection to the pipes against the action of acids passing through the same.

Mr. O. L. Ingalls, Inspector of Plumbing, in reporting upon the application, states that section 164 of the regulations providing for the controlling of sewers shall be used on roll, drain or vent pipes above ground until the same have been tested in place and approved by the inspector's office.

"As it is impracticable," says Mr. Ingalls, "to coat the interior of the pipes after the test has been made, as required by the regulations, I recommend that permission be granted to use the asphaltum-covered pipe for drainage purposes, as has been done in other similar cases."

SPACE NEEDED FOR ELECTRICAL OFFICES

Engineer Allen Details His Wishes.

Department Now Overcrowded—Full Working Plans for Offices Forwarded to Commissioners.

Among the communications received yesterday by the District Commissioners relative to the space needed in the proposed municipal building for the several offices was one from Mr. Walter C. Allen, the Electrical Engineer.

Mr. Allen shows that his office room is very much crowded at present and that the top floor of No. 14 engine house occupied by the fire alarm apparatus is poorly adapted to the purpose for which it is used. He states that more room than is now occupied is needed in the new building. He says that for all purposes the police and fire alarm headquarters should be adjacent to his office, and that both should be on the top floor of the edifice to be erected.

Old Engine House Not to Be Repaired.

The attention of the Commissioners has been called to the appropriation of \$4,000 intended for extensive repairs at the engine house, among which were the raising of the roof, and he suggests that because the municipal building is now an assured fact it might be well not to make the repairs provided for as the present building will in nature of things be used but two or three years longer.

The rooms now occupied at the District Building by the department are: One 14x18, in which are four desks for the accommodation of six inspectors and one clerk; one draughting table and several small tables for plat books, maps, etc.; one (formerly two, 19x14 and 16x20) occupied by the Electrical Engineer and two clerks, with three desks, draughting table, file cases, map cases, card index cases, etc.

The space occupied in the engine house is: Upper floor, consisting of operating room, 32x34; telephone room, 11x13; store room, 10x11; cable terminal room, 12x13; office, 14x15; battery room, 14x15; toilet room, 5x11 1/2.

Space Needed in New Building.

Mr. Allen asks for space as follows in the proposed building:

"1. Operating room 32x48—Thirteen feet should be added to the length of the present room to provide a space for the accommodation of numerous visitors who now are ushered immediately into the operators' space and for new battery bank and new manual transmitter to be added in the near future. The accompanying photographs show the crowded condition of the present arrangement. This room is now ten feet high, while the cabinet work lining the room reaches to within one foot of the ceiling and cuts off the ventilation. The ceiling should be not less than fifteen feet above the floor. In order to secure this necessary height I would strongly recommend that this department be located on the top floor of the new building. The cabinet work, moreover, shuts out all light from side windows, necessitating a skylight, unless provision can be made for windows over ten feet above the floor."

Size of Battery Room.

"2. Battery room—Present room is 14x15 1/2 feet, affording very cramped space for the proper care of the 800 cells now in use. We began operating the new headquarters in 1899, with 612 cells. The additions have been about 100 cells a year, and additional space will be needed before the full capacity of the plant has been reached. This room must be close to the operating room, but may be an inside room (not fronting on the street); it must have, however, good ventilation, in order to carry off the sulphurous fumes from the storage batteries. The battery racks, now having less than two feet between them, should have at least three and a half feet, so as to give ready access to all sides of the batteries."

"3. Cable terminal room—Present size, 12x13 1/2. The new room should not be less than this, and may be an inside room, but should be adjacent to the battery room and very close to the operating room, so as to shorten as much as possible the length of the hundreds of wires connecting these three rooms. (The length of single wire now used at headquarters to connect these three rooms and the instruments on the pedestal in operating room is over ten miles, all laid under the floor. Provision should also be made to carry the main cables, each two inches in diameter and ten in number, to the basement of the building and thence to a conduit to be built on Fourteenth Street."

"4. Store room—Present size, 10x11.

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New room should be at least 12x15. It may be an inside room. Used for storing small supplies needed for immediate use in operating room and as a repair room.

More Space for Telephone Room.

"5. Telephone room.

"Present size 11x12 feet. New room should be at least as large; should have street frontage and be well ventilated. Operators are on duty constantly throughout the twenty-four hours. It should be adjacent to the operating room."

"6. Superintendent's office. Present size 14x15 1/2 feet. New room for superintendent and his assistants should be at least as large and should have means of immediate access to both the operating and telephone rooms."

"7. Bedroom."

"Near to or adjacent to the operating room should be provided a retiring room for the day operators, which will also serve as a bedroom for the night linemen and operators."

In the Street Lighting Department.

"8. Street Lighting Division—Present room 14x15. One large room with accommodations for superintendent of lamps, the clerk, the three lamp inspectors, and necessary file cases. This room, if it has a north frontage, can be used also by the draughtsman, for whom provision should be made."

"9. Electrical Inspectors—At present the three men are crowded into the room with lamp inspectors. A separate room should be provided or one large room, combining eight and nine."

"10. Electrical Engineer's Office—At present 10x20. A room for the head of the department, two clerks, numerous file cases, a draughting table, etc., which should be located between the rooms occupied by the street lighting division and the fire alarm division."

"11. Storeroom in basement—A storeroom for light supplies needed for immediate use should be provided in a part of the basement easily accessible to the field wagons of the department. Size about 15x20."

Tool Room in Basement.

"12. Locker room in basement—A room adjoining the storeroom in basement should be provided for the linemen and repairmen, with lockers for their tools, etc., and which would serve as their waiting room."

"Telephone conduits in building—Each room intended for an office, where telephone communication is desired, should be connected with iron pipe for wires with the cable terminal room mentioned above."

"To include a number of photographs showing in detail the character of the instruments, cabinet work, etc., at fire alarm headquarters, with the urgent recommendation that as Washington possesses one of the finest and best-equipped fire alarm systems in the country, and as it is constantly visited by officials of other municipalities, that ample room be provided for its use and display."

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Commissioners have directed the Collector of Taxes to receive payment for taxes for the year 1902 against lots 2 to 29 and lot 30 of the Putnam estate without penalties and interest.

The committee appointed by the Commissioners to open and schedule bids for forwarding to the Board the proposals received for furnishing Portland cement, and have recommended that contracts be awarded to the National Mortar Company and to W. W. Clark & Sons.

On recommendation of the Inspector of Plumbing notices will be served upon J. F. Craven and E. H. Thompson, plumbers, to report certain work performed by them for final inspection.

On recommendation of the Electrical Engineer a permit will be issued to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to string wires from their pole on Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, to furnish service to Mr. A. P. Crenshaw.

The Commissioners have directed that the payment of general taxes for the years 1884 to 1897 inclusive, against part of lot 5, square 518, in the name of Samuel Eccleston, be accepted without penalty and interest.

The Commissioners have informed Mrs. Julius C. Coon, of Thirty-second Street northwest, that they must decline to grant her permission to replace iron post and frame in front of the premises named. This action was taken in accordance with a report of the Inspector of Buildings.

After considering the claims of various candidates for the position, Commissioner Macfarland, of the District Board, yesterday nominated Dr. Murray Galt Motter to the position on the Board of Pharmacy made vacant by the death of Dr. John T. Wither. The other members of the Board of Commissioners have concurred in the appointment of Dr. Motter.

\$4.50 to Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, Col., and Return via B.O.R.R. Tickets good going July 10, 11, 12; good returning until August 21.

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COMPLAINT MADE BY DEPOT HACKMEN

Appeal Made to Commissioners for Relief.

State That They Are Imposed Upon to Such an Extent That It Amounts to Persecution.

A delegation of hackmen, who stand at the Sixth Street Station, headed by George Hazell, called upon Commissioner Ross yesterday and presented a petition asking relief from a too rigid enforcement of the police regulations. They claim that they are subjected to "pressure" from the policemen on the beat, and they expressed the belief that the treatment they endure amounts to persecution.

Forced to Stand Still.

"We are forced to stand still," the men stated, "and are not allowed to open our mouths. People do not know one half the time what we are standing there for. If the railroad company can have men at its gates hollering all the time through the depot, why is it that our soliciting on the streets annoys the people so much? Judge Kimball says if it is a law, it ought not to be, and the Commissioners ought to rescind it."

Thrown Behind Everything.

"We are thrown behind everything else at the depot. The hotel bus drivers have the preference of the best stands on the ground, and they haul people all over town as we do. If they see a job coming down to us they will cut it off if possible. This is the only stand where any discrimination is made. If the buses would only haul people to the hotels we would make no objection. We do not ask for anything that is unjust or unfair, but we do ask for justice."

FALLING OFF IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS

The Weekly Health Report Shows a Slight Decrease—Rate Drops to 23.4.

The deaths in the District during the week ended on Saturday last numbered 132, causing a death rate of 23.4. In the week before they numbered 154, the death rate being 27.3, and in the corresponding period of last year 237, rate 42.35. Of the decedents last week 75 were white, death rate 18.7, and 59 colored, death rate 34.2.

The mortality among children, as compared with the last report, was almost the same. Deaths among children under 5 years old fell from 64 to 58. Those among infants under 1 year old remain stationary, 57.

The deaths from consumption declined from 14 to 10; from brain diseases 12 to 8; and of affections of the kidneys 11 to 4. There were 6 deaths caused by violence, 1 being suicidal by use of carbolic acid, and 5 accidental. Of the accidental deaths 1 was by drowning, 1 by steam railway accident, 1 by fall down stairs, 1 by fall down steps, and 1 by fall from scaffold. There were 4 cases of typhoid fever, 7 of whooping cough, and 1 of measles.

Of births, there were 73 reported, 44 being white and 29 colored; 39 males and 34 females.

There were 49 cases of typhoid fever under medical treatment at the close of last week. During the week 17 new cases were reported and 29 discharged by recovery or death, leaving 66 cases under supervision.

Of scarlet fever there were 17 cases in quarantine by the last report. During the week 1 new case developed and there having been no discharges, there were 18 cases in quarantine at the close of the week in 11 premises.

Of diphtheria, there were 7 cases in quarantine week before last. During the past week 2 new cases occurred and 1 being discharged, left 8 cases in 5 premises.

During the week 5 new cases of smallpox were taken to the hospital. There having been no cases of this disease for a number of weeks, these were the only patients there at the close of this report.

The mean conditions of the weather prevailing during the week were: Temperature of the atmosphere, 75 degrees; relative humidity, 74, and barometer, 29.87. There was a rainfall of 0.41 of an inch, winds westerly, averaging 8 miles per hour. The maximum of the thermometer was 97 degrees on the 5th, and minimum 60 degrees on the 2d.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Showers and thunderstorms and cooler Thursday. Friday, fair; fresh south-westerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature, 4 p. m. 94. Lowest temperature, 10 p. m. 72.

SAME DATE LAST YEAR.

Maximum 84. Minimum 66.

THE SUN AND THE MOON.

Sun rises 4:42 A. M. Sun sets 7:27 P. M. Moon rises 11:39 A. M. Moon sets 10:39 P. M.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide 5:55 A. M. and 6:17 P. M. High tide 11:37 A. M. and 12:09 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today 8:05 P. M. Lamps lit tomorrow 3:52 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS.

Chase—"The Mikado," evening.

Columbia—Edwin Arden, in "The But-terflies," afternoon and evening.

Lawrence—Summer Garden—Vaudeville, evening.

EXCURSIONS.

Steamer Macalester for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m. 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Norfolk and Washington line for Fort-ress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.

Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirtieth and a-half Street for Alex-andria and Arlington every half hour.

Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" as to time.

Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrow-smith. See schedule under excursions for time.

Bay Ridge—Trains leave R. & O. station 9:10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. weekdays.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

Rail-roads.

Atlantic City 78 78 78 78

Atlanta, Ga. 96 72 78 96

Bismarck, N. D. 74 48 74 74

Boston, Mass. 84 72 84 84

Buffalo, N. Y. 78 68 78 78

Chicago 74 62 74 74

Cincinnati 94 74 94 94

Cheyenne, Wyo. 58 44 58 58

Cleveland, Ohio 72 68 72 72

Denver, Colo. 70 54 70 70

Des Moines, Iowa 74 64 74 74

Galveston, Tex. 86 80 86 86

Helena, Mont. 78 46 78 78

Indianapolis, Ind. 92 74 92 92

Jacksonville, Fla. 88 74 88 88

Kansas City, Mo. 86 78 86 86

Little Rock, Ark. 94 76 94 94

Marquette, Mich. 74 56 74 74

Memphis, Tenn. 94 76 94 94

New Orleans, La. 92 78 92 92

New York, N. Y. 90 74 90 90

North Platte, Neb. 78 58 78 78

Omaha, Neb. 68 66 68 68

Pittsburg, Pa. 88 72 88 88

Salt Lake City 80 58 80 80

St. Louis, Mo. 82 70 82 82

St. Paul, Minn. 72 58 72 72

Springfield, Ill. 88 74 88 88

Vicksburg, Miss. 96 74 96 96

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

Deaths.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

Mildred M. King, 82 years.

Christopher C. McKenney, 66 years.

Henry Kramig, 57 years.

Rhoda S. Ritchie, 42 years.

John Slaghter, 29 years.

Barbara A. McInnis, 2 years.

Willie A. Coleman, 2 years.

Mary E. Horrid, 1 year.

Herbert L. Storey, 1 year.

Clarence Butler, 1 year.

Margaret A. Martin, 10 months.

Helen T. Taylor, 5 months.

James I. Fowler, Jr., 4 1/2 months.

Irene R. Hicks, 24 days.

Mary Jones, 1 day.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Edward B. Hughes, Jr., and Florie E. Lowe.

Richard Johnson and Hattie Jackson.

John Surack and Katie Barkly.

Milton Bramwell and Minnie Arrington, both of Prince William county, Virginia.

Richard A. Scaggs and Mollie E. Klof-fer.

Lewis Jackson and Annie Shorter.

Benjamin F. Selp and Elizabeth M. Webb, both of New York city.

William Jackson and Emma Daniels.

Henry Bates and Mary A. Brooks.

Henry L. Slaner and Ethel L. Hamner, both of Lynchburg, Va.

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OFFICE SPACE NEEDED.

Reply From Disbursing Officer to Commissioners' Request.

The District Commissioners yesterday received the following communication from the disbursing officer, relative to the space needed by him in the proposed municipal building:

"In compliance with your order of July 5, I have the honor to state that to perform the work of the disbursing officer properly it will require a space on the main floor of the new municipal building of 1,600 square feet."

"This should be divided into several compartments and adjoin the space allotted for the Auditor's office. We should be situated as near as possible to the rear entrance of the building, or to one of the entrances, so that it will be convenient to the public and enable those in charge of the pay office to pay the large number of employees and laborers without the necessity of their going through the building."

MAY DIE FROM INJURIES.

Negro Badly Hurt While Trying to Board Moving Car.

Shortly before 6 o'clock last night Jesse Brown, colored, 20 years of age, residing at 205 Adams Express Alley, broke his back and two ribs while attempting to board an eastbound car of the Capital Traction Company at Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue northwest.

When picked up the man was unconscious. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in the ambulance.

Persons who saw the man attempt to board the car state that the car was in motion at the time and that he missed his footing. He fell to the ground and was struck by the trailer car.

At the Emergency Hospital it was stated that if an operation proves successful the man will live. At a late hour last night it was stated at the hospital that the man was resting quietly and hope was entertained for his life.

Summer Tours to the North.

Yale Peninsula Railroad. Leave Washington July 10 and August 22, visiting Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Raft of the Lawsons, Quebec, the Saguenay, Montreal, Au Sable Chutes, Lakes Champlain and George, and Saratoga, returning Thursdays at round trip rate of \$125. For further information apply to C. B. Stodd, P. O. Box 8, E. D. Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Niagara Falls Excursion Via B. & O. R. R., \$10.

Special train of day coaches and parlor cars without change will leave Washington at 9 a. m. July 12. Stops en route. Tickets good for ten days. Special low-rate excursions from Niagara Falls.

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